

REMARKS

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on September 29, 2004, in which claims 1-8 were allowed, claims 9, 17 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) and claims 10-16, 18, and 20 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. With this Amendment, claims 10, 13 and 18-20 have been amended and claims 9 and 17 have been cancelled.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 10 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claim 10 has been amended to incorporate all of claim 9, and is therefore now believed to be in allowable form. Also, because claims 11 and 12 depend from claim 10 which is now believed to be in allowable form, it also believed that claims 11 and 12 are in allowable form. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 10-12 is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner also objected to claim 13 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claim 13 has been amended to incorporate all of claim 9, and is therefore now believed to be in allowable form. Also, because claims 14-16 depend in some fashion from claim 13 which is now believed to be in allowable form, claims 14-16 are now believed to be in allowable form. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 13-16 is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 18 and 20 were rejected for being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims 18 and 20 have been amended to incorporate all of claim 17, and are therefore believed to be in allowable form. Also, claim 19 has been amended to depend from claim 18, and is now believed to be in allowable form as well. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 18-20 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

For the aforementioned reasons, it is now believed that claims 1-8, 10-16 and 18-20 are in order for allowance. Reconsideration and notice of allowance to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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